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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1, please insert, prior to the "Field of the Invention", the following text: --

Cross Reference To Related Applications The present patent application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 009/170,855, filed on October 13, 1998, which is now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 8, 9, 15, and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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